

GREATER LAFAYETTE AREA TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT STUDY

TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jon Fricker, Chairman	JTRP
Sallie Fahey, Secretary	APC
Stephen Isenhower	INDOT - Crawfordsville
Mark Albers	Tippecanoe County Highway Department
Betty Stansbury	Purdue Airport
Scott Snyder	West Lafayette City Engineer
Deputy Chief Leroux	West Lafayette Police Department
Capt. Rick Walker	Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department
Jeanette Bennett	Lafayette Police Department
David Franklin	FHWA-Indianapolis
Mike Parks	City of Lafayette
<u>Non-Voting Members</u>	
Dana Smith	Chamber of Commerce
Tom Van Horn	Community Development Department

ALSO PRESENT:

Doug Poad	APC Staff
Brian Weber	APC Staff
Dave Franklin	Federal Highway Administration
Beth Hlavek	Journal & Courier
Dan Aukley	City of Lafayette
Mike Wylie	Schneider Corp.
Bob Foley	Hawkins Environmental
Mike Smith	Hawkins Environmental
Josh Nixon	Schneider Corp.

Jon Fricker, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Jon Fricker asked that UPWP and CPC be written out. He asked Sallie Fahey what UPWP stands for.

Sallie Fahey replied that it stood for Unified Planning Work Program.

Betty Stansbury moved to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2003 meeting. Mark Albers seconded and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Sallie Fahey asked the attendees of the meeting to sign in on the sheet being passed around so there would be a record of who was present at the meeting. She also asked if members would update contact information for office purposes.

Access Permits

No Access Permits to be discussed.

Prioritize Enhancement Grants Requests

Doug Poad discussed Federal Funds available for transportation needs in the community. He stated this year only one application was received from the City of Lafayette. He said the grant was for the Lafayette Linear Parks Project Phase II.

Mike Smith and Bob Foley from Hawkins Environmental were present to discuss the project.

Mike Smith stated this project had been previously submitted but not approved. He stated this grant would be for the second phase of the project. He stated the area included would be from Beck Lane to Powderhouse Lane, and 9th to 18th Street. He stated this was about 1.82 miles. He stated the City of Lafayette has a bigger and more detailed plan of the proposal.

Doug Poad stated grant requests were normally prioritized by the Technical Transportation Committee but since there was only one request the presentation was to inform the Committee of the project.

Deputy Chief Leroux asked if this was at-grade with the Railroad crossing and where the trail would lead users.

Mike Smith stated that it was. He explained where the path would be and how it would ultimately connect to downtown.

Rick Walker asked where the I-Beam plant was located.

Mike Smith pointed out on the map that it was located off of Elston Road to the north. He said the Powderhouse Lane access was east of the plant.

Sallie Fahey commented that the Powderhouse Lane trailhead would have a parking lot.

Mark Albers moved to prioritize the City of Lafayette Linear Park Project Phase Two project as number one project for Enhancement Funds. Jeanette Bennett seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Jon Fricker stated since this was the first meeting of the year that people should introduce themselves. Introductions were then made.

FY 04 TIP Amendments: Hazard Elimination and Safety (HES) and Enhancement Funds

Doug presented the TIP Amendment that was also sent out in the packet. He presented the first request for HES Funds. He stated this cost would be about \$20,000. He presented the second request for the HES Funds. He stated the estimated cost would be \$586,000. The third request was the previously discussed Enhancement Grant to adjust the dollars in the TIP to \$1,075,000. He stated the fourth request was for HES funding on Tyler Road and Pretty Prairie In Carroll County and Tippecanoe County Line. He stated this would be no more than \$500,000.

Mark Albers stated that this request had been sent in and was sent back stating that they needed more information before further processing. He stated that they have done this and the indications were good that this would now be approved. He estimated that it should be no more than \$500,000.

Sallie Fahey asked if this was also HES Funds.

Mark Albers replied yes it was.

Sallie Fahey explained in the past the county had a hard time tapping these funds but that Doug, the County and the City have been more adapt at the grant process and were more likely to secure the funds for various projects.

Mark Albers stated that INDOT is in a situation if the funds are not used they are lost so the incentive is there to be used on applicable projects.

Doug Poad reminded the Committee that the HES money was 100% Federal funded. He stated there were several million dollars available for projects and it was divided out on a first-come first-served basis. He stated the 18th and Kossuth project request was put together very quickly and also, Cindy Coddington worked very hard to put together and submit the proposal for CR 500.

Mark Albers stated that Pretty Prairie Road into Tippecanoe County is used

by a high number of Carroll County residents. He stated that there has been a problem with polished pavement which has led to quite a few accidents. He stated the road is heavily lined with guardrail because of the ravines along the road. He said this results in quite a substantial amount of property damage, not only for the automobiles but for the guardrails also. He stated they have done light surface milling to help the situation but this road needs a permanent solution. He stated they are looking at a new road surface that uses a steel slab on the roadway and maintains a high level of resistance for a longer time period than just regular pavement.

Sallie Fahey recommended that the four projects be amended into the Transportation Improvement Program as stated in the handout. She stated these include CR 500N project, the 18th and Kossuth Street project, the Tyler Road project then increase the funding amounts for the Lafayette Parks project. Jeanette Bennett seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

2003 Building Permits

Brian Weber presented a map with information he had gathered regarding building permits and population. He stated this was a good indication of where the growth was in the county. He stated most of the growth was south and east of Lafayette and northwest of West Lafayette.

Sallie Fahey mentioned that Brian has added the number of census blocks to the map, which will help compare growth rates year to year.

Brian Weber explained the building permit hand out that Kathy Lind had compiled.

Sallie Fahey stated that this was put together every month. She explained that it kept track of new building of single-family homes. She stated on the second page all dwelling units are tracked. She stated that October and December were record-breaking building month for Tippecanoe County. She stated that staff was particularly interested in single-family homes as opposed to apartment buildings because of the market saturation in apartments built in Tippecanoe County in years past. She stated that single-family homes would be a better indicator of growth. She stated that with the lower interest rates people are buying their first home at a younger age than ever before.

Rick Walker asked if this information included the smaller incorporated towns.

Sallie Fahey answered no it did not. She stated in the near future they should keep track of the three towns since they were experiencing growth also.

18th and Kossuth Street Accidents

Doug Poad handed out information and diagrams regarding accidents at 18th and Kossuth Street. He stated over the past 5 years there have been 118 accidents at this intersection. He explained there is a pattern to the accidents that has repeated itself over the years. He explained that most of the accidents occur when turning or when cars try to go around cars that are waiting to turn. He stated this led him to apply for Hazzard Elimination Safety Funds. He pointed out the information in the handout regarding this intersection. He stated they hoped to get Federal Funds to help make this a safer intersection.

Study Progress

Doug Poad stated staff has been working on the Land Use Survey. He stated that this study looks at where the houses and businesses are, what types of housing and what the condition is. This information will be used for the transportation model and for the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

He said they are also keeping track of air quality and whether we will remain an attainment area.

He stated staff was also waiting on the final decisions regarding Hoosier Heartland. He updated the Committee on the meeting that was held in Delphi. He stated they are currently waiting on information from the State Historical Society, information on the wetlands mitigation and finishing the engineer's report.

He stated that Brian Weber is working on all the traffic count data to update the traffic count map. He stated they have been working with the Management Information and Technology Services (MITS) Department to get this information onto the APC website.

He stated that Brian Weber is still tracking building permits by traffic zone.

He stated they are looking at accidents along I-65 and have found some problem areas.

He stated that Brian Weber is working on the Thoroughfare Plan.

Mark Albers mentioned that INDOT has agreed to put an access over the Hoosier Heartland at CR 300. He stated this is a positive outcome to various agencies working collectively to get this interchange added to INDOT's plans for the Hoosier Heartland. He stated he was very pleased that INDOT listened to the communities' concerns and addressed them accordingly.

Doug Poad brought up the 2005 TIP. He passed out information regarding this issue. He asked that agencies please work on this information and could have them done by the March Technical Transportation Committee meeting (TEC) meeting. He stated he could e-mail this information if anyone would need that.

Other Business

Mike Wylie, Schneider Corporation, presented a project they are working on for Capp & Gino's. He stated this is a Planned Development that would be on the West Side. He presented an aerial photo of the site. He explained the project and the current cuts into the road and would like input on how best to proceed with the drive and cuts for their project.

Rick Walker asked where the drive-up windows would be.

Mike Wylie pointed out on the diagram where these would be located.

Mark Albers asked about access to the site.

Mike Wylie showed him where the access would be located.

Scott Snyder asked about the number of cars that would stack up at the window.

Mike Wylie said approximately 8 cars could stack from the pick-up window back to the entrance itself. He said it is approximately 18 feet.

Jon Fricker asked about peak times of operation and football traffic.

Mike Wylie stated that the peak time is 11:00 AM.

Mark Albers suggested because of U-turns if the median should probably extended.

Mike Wylie stated there is an alternate method to get into the area from Brown Street.

Mark Albers stated he still had concerns.

Mike Wylie stated this is still a work in progress and they were willing to work out alternatives.

Sallie Fahey pointed out that any development on this property is going to create a problem. She stated there is probably not a solution to the U-turn problem although lengthening the barrier would discourage some of that.

Mark Albers asked if the Tapawingo extension would come out near this site.

Scott Snyder stated this was further south.

Jon Fricker asked for further comments.

Mark Albers asked if there would be problems for pedestrians.

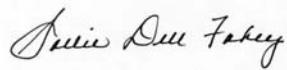
Mike Wylie pointed out the pedestrian walkways along US 231.

Jon Fricker asked when the next meeting would be.

Sallie Fahey stated it would be February 18, 2004.

Scott Snyder moved to adjourn. Jeanette Bennett seconded and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Sallie Dell Fahey

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sallie Dell Fahey". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Secretary